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5/20/13

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TIP Endorsement & Approval

Resolution Endorsing and Approving the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization is the organization designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 (Federal-Aid Highway planning requirements), and capable of meeting the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 1603(a) (Federal Transit planning requirements) in the Evansville Urbanized Area: and

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee is the policy body of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes expenditure of funds for highway projects; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended through November 26, 1974, authorizes expenditure of funds for transit planning, capital and operating programs; and

WHEREAS, proposed expenditures of Federal-Aid Highway and Federal Transit funds for the Evansville Urbanized Area are contained in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Evansville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization has complied with the CAAA requirements as they pertain to the development and conformity of the 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the MPO consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies did not take exception to the MPO finding that: (1) each project in the TIP is consistent with the design concept and scope of the project that was modeled in the most recent conformity demonstration; (2) the open to traffic date of each project in the TIP is consistent with open to traffic dates in the most recent conformity demonstration; (3) that the previous emissions analysis meets the requirements of 40 CFR 93.118 and demonstrate conformity of the TIP. Regionally significant projects in the 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program are a subset of projects in the conforming 2035 Evansville MPO Transportation Plan. Therefore, TIP conformity relies upon the 2035 Transportation Plan conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, development of the TIP followed the MPO public participation plan, including public notice of meetings and a public comment period; and

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration guidelines contained in <u>Federal Register 40</u>, No. 181, September 17, 1975, require endorsement by the policy body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of a Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Element as a prerequisite to expenditure of Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit funds.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, at its regular meeting of April 4, 2013 endorses the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program, 2013-2016.

Mr. Jack Corn, Jr., Chairperson

Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

April 4, 2013



TRANSPORTATION CABINET

Steven L. Beshear Governor

Frankfort, Kentucky 40622 www.transportation.ky.gov/ Michael W. Hancock, P.E. Secretary

April 29, 2013

Mr. Seyed Shokouhzadeh Executive Director Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization 1 Northwest Martin Luther King Boulevard Civic Center Complex, Room 316 Evansville IN 47708

Dear Mr. Shokouhzadeh:

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has reviewed the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for compliance with the metropolitan planning requirements included in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

It is my pleasure to approve the Evansville MPO's FY 2013-2016 TIP as Governor Steve Beshear's Designee. The KYTC will incorporate the new TIP by reference in Kentucky's FY 2013 2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Please contact Thomas Witt, at (502) 564-7183, for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

W. Haricock

MWH/AJT/NH

c: Keith Damron John Ballantyne Kevin McClearn



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Mr. Seyed Shokouhzedah Executive Director Evansville Area MPO 1 NW Martin Luther King Blvd, Room 316 Evansville, IN 47708-1833

Dear Mr. Shokouhzedah:

The Kentucky Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Region 4 of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the following document:

2013-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Evansville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (MPO resolution approval date of April 4, 2013)

The planning finding is based upon review of the following items:

- Self-certification submitted by the State and MPO under 23 C.F.R. 450.334,
- Review of the MTP,
- Adequacy of the public involvement process,
- Reasonableness of the financial plan,
- Relationship of projects in the TIP to the MTP,
- Governor's approval of the TIP

The FHWA and the FTA jointly find that the metropolitan TIP is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) produced by the continuing and comprehensive transportation process carried on cooperatively by the MPO, the State, and the public transportation operator(s) in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303.

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Division Administrator

Federal Highway Administration

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Regional Administrator

Federal Transit Administration